

Limitations to Covered Services

General

The following requirements must be met for Wisconsin Medicaid reimbursement of covered personal care services.

Prior Authorization

Services must meet prior authorization (PA) requirements as defined in the Prior Authorization section of this handbook.

Medically Oriented Tasks

According to HFS 107.112(2)(b), Wis. Admin. Code, medically oriented tasks must meet the following conditions:

- The tasks are safely delegated to the personal care worker (PCW) by a registered nurse (RN).
- The PCW is trained and supervised by the provider to provide the tasks.
- The recipient, parent, or responsible person is permitted to participate in the training and supervision of the PCW.

Refer to appendices 1 and 2 for more information on the delegation of medically oriented tasks.

Place of Service

Although the recipient does not need to be confined to the home to receive personal care services, the services must be provided in the home (which is the place where the recipient lives and sleeps). Authorization for services in a recipient's temporary residence is handled on a case-by-case basis through PA. The only exceptions to services provided in the home allow the PCW reasonable time to:

- Accompany the recipient to medical appointments for diagnosis and treatment.
- Leave the home to purchase groceries and medical supplies or prescriptions for a recipient who is unable to

perform these activities. The recipient does not accompany the PCW on these trips.

Housekeeping Activities

No more than one-third of the total weekly time spent by a PCW may be in performing housekeeping activities *for the recipient* according to HFS 107.112(3)(e), Wis. Admin. Code. Housekeeping activities reimbursed by Wisconsin Medicaid must be incidental to medically oriented covered tasks or activities for daily living.

Examples of housekeeping activities may include changing the recipient's bed, cleaning medical equipment, laundering of the recipient's bed linens and personal clothing, light cleaning in essential areas of the home used during personal care services, purchasing of food, and preparation of the recipient's meals and cleaning recipient's dishes.

These housekeeping activities may not be provided for the benefit of any other member of the household, even if some of the one-third time allotment remains.

Supervision

Services must be performed under the supervision of an RN by a PCW who meets Wisconsin Medicaid qualifications and who is employed by or under contract to a Medicaid-certified provider. Licensed home health agencies should refer to the Additional Requirements for Wisconsin Licensed/Medicare-Certified Home Health Agencies portion of the General Information section of this handbook for more information.

Plan of Care

Services must be performed according to a written Plan of Care (POC). Refer to the Plan of Care portion of the General Information

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section of this handbook for detailed information on the POC.